

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) Device intended to guarantee the tension and free access to ~~[[the]]~~ a reverse face of a canvas ~~[[(3)]]~~ stretched on support means ~~(5a, 5b)~~, and constituting a ~~lining~~ decorative element ~~(1)~~, ~~and in particular of~~ a wall or ceiling element, comprising at least one zippered mechanical closure ~~(6)~~, ~~of the zipper type~~, which extends over at least ~~[[a]]~~ part of at least one of the dimensions of said wall,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein the canvas ~~[[(3)]]~~ is constituted by an elastic material and ~~in that its~~ dimensions of said canvas, before being placed under tension, are less than those of the support means, and ~~(5a, 5b)~~

wherein the tension of the canvas is guaranteed by said closure itself, to the exclusion of any other tensioning element thereof.

2. (currently amended) Device according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the dimension of the canvas ~~[[(3)]]~~, in the direction in which the closure ~~[[(6)]]~~ extends, is less than that of its support means by a quantity included between 0.5 and 3% ~~and preferably of the order of 2%.~~

3. (currently amended) Device according to ~~one of~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the dimension of the canvas ~~[[3]]~~, in the direction perpendicular to that in which the closure ~~[[6]]~~ extends, is less than that of its support means by a quantity included between 0.5 and 15% ~~and preferably of the order of 7%.~~

4. (currently amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the canvas ~~[[3]]~~ is constituted by polyvinyl chloride or PVC.

5. (currently amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the decorative element ~~[[1]]~~ presents the form of a cylinder and the closure ~~[[6]]~~ is disposed along one of the generatrices thereof.

6. (currently amended) Device according to Claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the element ~~[[1]]~~ is constituted by a cylinder with polygonal base.

7. (currently amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the closure ~~[[6]]~~ is fixed on the canvas ~~[[3]]~~ by adhesion.

8. (currently amended) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the closure ~~[[6]]~~ is fixed on the canvas ~~[[3]]~~ by welding, particularly of high frequency type.

9. (currently amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the closure ~~[[6]]~~ is fixed on the canvas ~~[[3]]~~ by stitching.

10. (currently amended) Device according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the dimension of the canvas ~~[[3]]~~, in the direction perpendicular to that in which the closure ~~[[6]]~~ extends, is less than that of its support means by a quantity included between 0.5 and 15% ~~and preferably of the order of 7%.~~

11. (new) The device according to claim 2, wherein the dimensions of the canvas, in the direction in which the closure extends, is less than that of the support means by 2%.

12. (new) The device according to claim 3, wherein the dimensions of the canvas, in the direction perpendicular to that in which the closure extends, is less than that of the support means by 7%.

13. (new) The device according to claim 10, wherein the dimensions of the canvas, in the direction perpendicular to that in which the closure extends, is less than that of the support means by 7%.